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B3 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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B4 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

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B5 ABSTRACT

The invention concerns a tire equipped with a conductive loop, and a method for implanting such a loop. The loop is implanted between the radial body ply and a sealing layer of the tire. It has, when unfolded flat, a substantially rectangular shape, the smaller side and the larger side of the rectangle extending substantially over the width of the tire along the periphery thereof, respectively.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 15, without prejudice. Please add new claims 16 - 30 as follows:

B6 16. (New) A method of modifying a process for manufacturing a tire, said process using an assembly of a support and of a deformable preform for a tire carcass, the deformable preform having a first rectangular general shape and being maintained wound on a periphery of the support, said process involving stretching the assembly in an outward general direction, with the stretching being carried out after free ends of the deformable preform are linked together,

said method comprising the steps of:

a. preparing a complementary preform comprising an elastic support, of a second rectangular general shape, homologous said first rectangular general shape, said complementary preform having at least